

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
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## **Patent Application**

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

25 Sir:  
In response to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2008 (Confirmation No.  
1300), Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Response.

In the event of non-payment or improper payment of any required fee, the  
Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit Deposit Account No. 501,262 as may be  
30 required to correct the error.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.